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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Administration)

SUBJECT: Replacement of X-ray Equipment

1. Reference is made to the attached project "X-ray Equipment" in an amount of \$10,000 which has been submitted by the Medical Office.

2. The Medical Office states that the present X-ray equipment is inadequate. The equipment is twelve years old and, because of its age, places technical limitations on its use requiring use of consultants' private, more modern equipment for more complex procedures. During the last calendar year, repair costs have exceeded \$1,200, or 10% of the cost of a new X-ray machine.

3. The project requests authorization to purchase new equipment at an estimated cost of \$12,000 with an estimated turn-in value of present equipment of \$3,000, or a net cost of \$9,000 for replacement purchase. The additional \$1,000, totalling \$10,000 requested, will be required for installation and other miscellaneous charges.

4. In connection with the attached project, it should be noted that in project MD-65-52 the Projects Review Committee approved \$7,500 for the purchase of X-ray equipment. The Medical Office has advised that the equipment requested in MD-65-52 was for chest X-ray purposes and that the present project is for general X-ray equipment.

5. No funds were included in the fiscal year 1952 budget for this purpose and the present allotment of funds to the Medical Office is inadequate to cover cost of the project. However, it is believed that, if approved, funds can be made available from the overall Agency reserve to finance the project. If approved, the use of vouchered funds is recommended.

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